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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Wayne W. Rupert on 7/23/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please amend claims original claims 5 and 7 as follows:

1. Claim 5 (claim 2)

Insert "formula A of" before "claim 1" in line 1 of claim 5.

Delete "claim 1" after "the compound of" and insert "formula A" in line 2 of the claim 5.

Original claim 5 will now be read as,

A conjugate comprising the compound of formula A of claim 1 and at least one protein carrier, wherein the compound of formula A is covalently bound to the protein carrier.

2. Claim 7 (claim 3)

Delete "claim 1" after "the compound of" from line 1 of claim 7 and insert "formula A" .

Original claim 7 will now be read as,

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The conjugate of claim 5, wherein the compound of formula A is covalently bound to the protein carrier via the R1 group .

Communication

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sabiha Qazi whose telephone number is (571) 272-0622. The examiner can normally be reached on any business day except Wednesday.

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